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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-2 (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 6, wherein one of said jaws remains stationary.

4. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 6, wherein one of said jaws is unitary with said actuator.

5. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 6, wherein said jaws are removable.

6. (Previously Presented) A tool for assisting the securing of a clamp having a fastener to a mounting location, the tool comprising:

a first jaw;

a second jaw;

an actuator to move said first jaw relative to said second jaw; and

wherein said first jaw includes a recess for accepting a first portion of the fastener and wherein said recess faces said second jaw, and

wherein said second jaw includes an opening aligned with said recess in said first jaw to allow a second portion of the fastener to extend therethrough.

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7. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 6, wherein said actuator is hand-operated.

8. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 6, wherein said actuator is power tool-operated.

9. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 6, wherein said actuator includes a threaded shaft.

10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 15, wherein one of said jaws remains stationary.

13. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 15, wherein one of said jaws is unitary with said actuator.

14. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 15, wherein said jaws are removable.

15. (Previously Presented) A tool for securing a P clamp having a fastener to a mounting location, comprising:
a first jaw;

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a second jaw;

an actuator to move said first jaw relative to said second jaw; and

wherein said first jaw includes a recess for accepting a first portion of the fastener and wherein said recess faces said second jaw and wherein said second jaw includes an opening aligned with said recess in said first jaw to allow a second portion of the fastener to extend therethrough.

16. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 15, wherein said actuator is hand-operated.

17. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 15, wherein said actuator is power tool-operated.

18. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 15, wherein said actuator includes a threaded shaft.

19. (Original) A method of attaching a clamp to an object, comprising the steps of:
providing a tool with a first jaw having a retainer for a fastener, a second jaw, and an actuator to move said first jaw relative to said second jaw;
placing a first fastener in said retainer;
locating said clamp between said jaws;
manipulating said actuator to tighten said clamp; and
securing a second fastener to said first fastener.

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20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein said locating step includes placing the object between said jaws.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said manipulating and securing steps are accomplished with a power tool.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said manipulating step uses a first power tool and said securing step also uses the first power tool.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said clamp is a P clamp.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said object is a component of a gas turbine engine.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said component is an external component of a gas turbine engine.

26-28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 8, wherein said actuator is sized so that the power tool used to operate said actuator can also drive a second portion of the fastener.

30-32. (Canceled)

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33. (Previously Presented) The tool of claim 17, wherein said actuator is sized so that the power tool used to operate said actuator can also drive a second portion of the fastener.

34-61. (Canceled)